

**ORAL EXAMINATION ELIMINATION:  
EMERGENCY REGULATIONS APPROVED**

On December 19, 2001, the Office of Administrative Law approved emergency implementation of the following regulations which eliminate the oral examination for licensure effective 1/1/02. Additionally, these regulations implement the California Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Examination as a licensing requirement effective 1/1/02.

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
RE: REPLACE ORAL EXAMINATION  
ORDER OF ADOPTION**

**1. Section 1388 is amended to read:**

1388. Examinations.

(a) ~~The examination shall consist of both a written and an oral examination, except that the oral examination shall be waived for those applicants who meet the criteria in section 1388.6 of this chapter. Such applicants shall be required to take and pass the California Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Written Examination.~~ The board recognizes the expertise of the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Examination Resources (OER). The board shall utilize the services of the OER in licensing examination development and validation through an interagency agreement.

(b) ~~The board shall utilize the national Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) as its written licensing examination.~~ The licensing examination shall consist of the national Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) and the California Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Examination (CJPEE), except that the EPPP shall be waived for those applicants who meet the criteria in section 1388.6 of this chapter.

(c) On or after September 1, 2001, applicants may apply to take the EPPP upon completion of the doctorate degree and 1500 hours of qualifying supervised professional experience. An applicant shall pass the EPPP and complete all 3000 hours of supervised professional experience prior to being scheduled for the ~~oral licensing examination~~ CJPEE.

(d) The paper and pencil version of the EPPP will be utilized through the April 18, 2001 administration of the EPPP. Effective September 1, 2001, the EPPP will be administered only through computer based testing at test delivery sites designated by the Professional Examination Service (PES).

(e) Qualified Applicants desiring to take the EPPP shall submit to the board the fee set forth in section 1392 of this chapter. The board will notify applicants in writing of their eligibility to take the EPPP. Subsequently, applicants will receive an application packet from PES with the instructions for making arrangements to sit for the computer administered EPPP. The applicant shall complete the PES application form and submit it directly to PES. Eligible applicants shall comply with all instructions established by PES in scheduling and sitting for the computer administered EPPP.

(f) Scores on the computer administered EPPP will be reported directly to the board by PES on a monthly basis. The board or its designee will notify applicants of their score and the passing score. For forms of the EPPP taken between April 1, 1977 and October 18, 1995, the passing score is the score that was established by the board for each form at that time. For paper and pencil forms of the EPPP taken after April 1, 1996, the passing score is the national passing score of 140 as recommended by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). For computer administered forms of the EPPP, the board shall apply a scaled score of 500 as recommended by ASPPB.

(g) Applicants who fail the computer administered EPPP who wish to retake the exam shall submit the written examination fee set forth in section 1392 of this chapter to the board. When the examination fee is received, the board will notify PES of the applicant's eligibility to retake the EPPP. Such applicants shall comply with all instructions established by PES for retaking the computer administered EPPP.

(h) Qualified applicants desiring to take the CJPEE shall submit to the board the fee set forth in section 1392 of this chapter. Subsequently, the applicant will receive scheduling and study material for the CJPEE directly from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) examination vendor. Applicants shall comply with all instructions established by the DCA examination vendor in scheduling and sitting for the computer administered CJPEE.

(i) Applicants may obtain immediate pass/fail feedback when completed with the CJPEE at the DCA examination vendor test administration site. The pass point on the CJPEE shall be determined for each form of the examination by a criterion referenced procedure performed by the Office of Examination Resources of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 2930 and 2942, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 123, 496, 2941, 2942, 2943 and 2960, Business and Professions Code.

## **2. Section 1388.5 is repealed.**

### **1388.5. Oral Examinations.**

~~(a) The board shall notify applicants of the areas to be covered in the oral examination and applicants shall be examined only in such areas.~~

~~(b) Any applicant who takes the oral examination shall be provided with oral examination performance feedback in writing.~~

~~(c) The board shall keep an electronic recording of each oral examination for at least one (1) year following the date of the examination.~~

~~(d) Minimal acceptable competence, the passing score, is established by developing performance standards expected of candidates ready for independent practice. The performance standards are developed by identifying responses from previous minimally competent candidates representing varying levels of candidate performance. The responses are arrayed into a long continuum to create rating scales used by examiners to evaluate candidate performance. Responses are assigned a numerical value, and a score representing minimal competence is established. To achieve a passing score, candidates must earn a score equivalent to minimal acceptable competence on the rating scale. The oral examination scoring format is designed such that a candidate must earn 24 points out of the 40 possible.~~

NOTE: Authority: Section 2930, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 2931, 2941, 2942, and 2945, Business and Professions Code; and Section 12944, Government Code.

**3. Section 1388.6 is amended to read:**

1388.6. Waiver of Examination.

(a) When a California-licensed psychologist has been licensed for at least five years and has allowed his/her license to expire by not renewing the license for at least three years and has not been subject to discipline, the psychologist shall be required to file a new application, meet all current licensing requirements, pay all currently applicable fees, and take and pass the ~~Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Written Examination~~ CJPEE. The ~~Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)~~ shall be waived.

(b) If an applicant for licensure as a psychologist has been licensed in another state, Canadian province, or U.S. territory, for at least five years, and the license has not been subject to discipline, the applicant shall be required to pay all currently applicable fees, meet all current licensing requirements, and take and pass the ~~Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Written Examination~~ CJPEE. The EPPP shall be waived.

(c) An applicant for licensure who holds a Certificate of Professional Qualifications (CPQ) issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), shall be deemed to have met the educational and experience requirements for licensure, shall be required to pay all currently applicable fees, and take and pass the ~~Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Written Examination~~ CJPEE. The EPPP shall be waived.

(d) An applicant for licensure who has abandoned his or her application pursuant to section 1381.5 of these regulations and thereby must reapply for license, shall be required to pay all currently applicable fees, meet current licensing requirements and take and pass the ~~oral licensing examination~~ CJPEE. The EPPP shall be waived.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 2930 and 2946, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 2946, Business and Professions Code.

**4. Section 1389 is amended to read:**

1389. Reconsideration of Examinations.

~~(a) All requests for reconsideration of oral examinations shall be submitted in writing to the board's office in Sacramento within thirty (30) days following notification of failure of the examination. All requests for reconsideration shall be based solely on alleged procedural errors during the administration of the oral examination.~~

~~(b) The review of an oral examination will be conducted by one or more board members and their findings may be subject to the approval of the board in its discretion.~~

~~(c)~~ (a) There shall be no reconsideration of the grade received on the ~~written licensing examination~~ EPPP or on the ~~CJPEE administered by the board.~~

~~(d)~~ (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to deprive an applicant of his or her rights of appeal as afforded by other provisions of law.

NOTE: Authority: Section 2930, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 2942 and 2944, Business and Professions Code.

**5. Section 1392 is amended to read:**

1392. Psychologist Fees.

(a) The application fee for a psychologist is \$40.00.

~~(b) The fee for a written examination is \$532, and the fee for an oral examination is \$129. An applicant taking or repeating all or any part of an examination, whether written, oral, or both, shall pay the full fee for that examination.~~

~~(c) The biennial renewal fee for a psychologist is \$475. For renewal periods commencing on or after July 1, 2000, the biennial renewal fee for a psychologist shall be \$400.~~

(b) The fee for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology is \$532.00.

(c) The fee for the California Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Examination is \$129.00.

(d) An applicant taking or repeating either licensing examination shall pay the full fee for that examination.

(e) The initial license fee and the biennial renewal fee for a psychologist are \$400.00, except that if an initial license will expire less than one year after its issuance, then the initial license fee is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the license is issued.

~~(d)~~ (f) The biennial renewal fee for an inactive license is \$40.00

NOTE: Authority: Sections 2930, 2987 and 2989, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 2987, 2988 and 2989, Business and Professions Code.

**6. Subsection (b)(1) of Section 1397.63 is amended to read:**

1397.63. Hour Value System.

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~~(b)(1) Licensees who serve the Board of Psychology as commissioners on any oral examination pursuant to section 2947 of the code or as selected participants in any written or oral examination development related function will receive six hours of continuing education credit for each full day's service~~ one hour of continuing education credit for each hour served. ~~"Full day's service" as an oral commissioner is defined as starting with the commissioner orientation, actively participating throughout the day and ending when the last candidate has been examined at the end of the day. "Full day's service" as a participant in any written or oral examination development related function is defined as beginning at the time designated by the board, actively participating throughout the day and ending when the function has been completed on that day. Continuing education credit shall not be granted if the licensee does not participate fully pursuant to these definitions. Licensees who serve as commissioners on any special oral examination will receive one hour of continuing education credit for each hour served, not to exceed four hours. Selected board experts will receive one hour of continuing education credit for each hour attending Board of Psychology sponsored Expert Training Seminars. Any licensee who receives approved continuing education credit as set forth in subsection (b)(1) shall have his/her credit reported by the board to the board recognized accrediting agency.~~

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NOTE: Authority: Sections 2915(g) and 2930, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 2915, Business and Professions Code.